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NOTIFICATION

The 15th June, 2017

No. PMA(S) 72/2017/11.— There is a continuous demand for providing additional financial support for fulfilling the learning needs of students, school maintenance and up-gradation of other internal infrastructure facilities in the Secondary Schools of Assam for a conducive school environment.

In order to reduce the burden of the parents and guardians for submission of school fees of their children and to drop down school expenditure to a reasonable margin, Govt of Assam for the first time have proposed to waive school affiliation fees. Govt. of Assam have already taken necessary steps for waiving of admission fees, tuition fees etc, including waiving of examination fees in respect of the students belonging to poorer section of the society, from last financial year onwards. Govt. of Assam is also contemplating centralized payment of electricity bills of schools in order to compensate the financial burden of schools.

The Rastriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhijan framework of Assam under Secondary Education

Department, has been providing a fund of Rs 50,000/- per annum to each school for upgradation of school libraries, science laboratories and other repair related works/ maintenance of school infrastructure etc.

With a view to compensate school expenditure and to facilitate healthy teaching learning environment in each school and after careful consideration of all aspects, Government of Assam in Secondary Education Department have decided to provide additional financial support to each school from this financial year.

Apart from the above, the support for maintenance of school hygiene is also very important as schools have a central place in the health of a community which can determine children's health and their well-being through exposure to a healthy school environment. The 'Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya' (SBSV) initiative launched by Govt. of India have also emphasized on promoting safe and appropriate hygiene practices in schools and behaviour among children. Therefore, a portion of the financial grant shall be utilized on Swachh Vidyalaya Programme.

Terms and Conditions:

- 1. **Beneficiary Schools :** All the Govt./ Provincialized High Schools, Higher Secondary Schools, Senior Secondary Schools and operationalized Model Schools under RMSA, Assam will be the beneficiary schools under the scheme, subject to fulfillment of desired enrollment as categorized at para 2 below.
- 2. **Financial grant based on enrollment:** Additional financial support to the above mentioned schools will be provided as per the enrollment of student in respective schools as indicated below:

Enrollment	Financial Support
60 or below	Nil
61-200	@ Rs.20,000/-
201-400	@ Rs.25,000/-
401-600	@ Rs.30,000/-
More than 600	@ Rs.40,000/-

The schools with enrollment 60 or below will get Rs 50,000/- per annum from RMSA, Assam.

The Director of Secondary Education, Assam will furnish the enrollment details of schools.

- 3. **Utilization of Fund:** The fund provided to the school authority shall be utilized Only for the following purposes:
 - (a) Maintenance of Toilets and cleanliness as a Swachh Vidyalaya
 - (b) Purchase of reagents, apparatus etc.. for the Science Laboratories/Computer Labs
 - (c) Stationery items required for running the classrooms
 - (d) Purchase of Diesel required for running of Generator, if any.

The SMDC is to maintain the accounts properly including cash book, stock book, payment register etc.. SMDC is responsible for submission of utilization of fund, progress report and photographic evidence to Inspector of Schools for expenditure incurred against the disbursed funds. Consolidated Utilization Certificate against Govt. sanction will be submitted by the Director of Secondary Education, Assam.

- 4. The School management can not take any admission/tuition fees etc. required for the day to day maintenance of schools/classes/Labs etc. from the students. However, they may take lowest possible fee from the students for celebration of festivals/annual day functions etc.
- 5. **Transfer of fund:** The fund released by the Govt. for the above purpose will be disbursed to the SMDCs of the respective schools in their bank accounts by the Director of Secondary Education, Assam. The SMDCs shall maintain an account only in the nearest branch of any nationalized Bank with core banking facilities.
- 6. **Monitoring**: The implementation of the scheme will be monitored by the concerned Inspector of Schools at the District level. Any disputes on scheme execution and allegation of any nature may be addressed to the Commissioner & Secretary, Secondary Education Department for necessary action.

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